

# COUNTY OF YORK

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 14, 2001 (BOS Meeting 3/20/01)

**TO:** York County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** James O. McReynolds, County Administrator

**SUBJECT:** Virginia Department of Transportation Revenue Sharing Program –  
FY2001-2002

Each year Virginia's counties are given an opportunity to participate in the VDOT Revenue Sharing Program, a cooperative state/local program that provides state matching funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis for local funds devoted to specific roadway improvement projects. There are a few limitations set by VDOT for participation in the program:

- \$500,000 is the maximum amount matched for a single county in a single year unless the statewide allocation exceeds the total amount of funds requested; (for example, last year the County's requests totaled \$500,000 but the actual allocation approved by VDOT was \$496,700).
- Funds can only be used for improvements to state-maintained roads – either existing or to-be-constructed.
- The improvement(s) to which the funds are dedicated must be contained in the current Six-Year Plan (primary or secondary), or the funding must be sufficient to fully fund the improvement in the current year.
- The deadline for the County to notify VDOT of its intent to participate in the FY01-02 program is March 30, 2001.

The Board has funded many projects over the past years at a relatively reasonable cost, including the following:

- Landscaping on Route 17 and Route 171
- Turn lanes at the intersection of Calthrop Neck Road/ Running Man Trail with Victory Boulevard
- Turn lanes at the intersection of Big Bethel Road with Victory Boulevard
- Right turn lane along eastbound lanes of Victory Boulevard and dual left turn lanes along the northbound lanes of Hampton Highway at the intersection of these roads
- Turn lanes on Goodwin Neck Road at the Central Operations Facility
- Water Street right-of-way (and shoreline) stabilization in Yorktown
- Continuous center turn lane on Merrimac Trail between Carver Gardens and Tam O'Shanter Boulevard
- Repave certain Yorktown roads with brown stone

Last year's request consisted of eight projects including \$162,200 for Yorktown streetscape improvements, \$100,000 to realign Theatre Road to improve the geometry of the intersection with Route 17, \$94,000 for sidewalk and landscaping improvements along

Second Street, Merrimac Trail, and Richmond Road, \$37,500 for Route 17 landscaping, \$55,500 to replace an undersized culvert along Route 171, \$47,500 for East Rochambeau Drive landscaping improvements

This year, with the funds available to pledge, I recommend that the following prioritized list of projects and amounts be requested under this program:

**Yorktown Shoreline Stabilization (\$800,000).** Construct additional shoreline and right-of-way protection measures along the Yorktown waterfront in the area of Yorktown Creek. The project would also involve replacement of the culvert carrying Yorktown Creek under Water Street and re-surfacing the street to beyond the Victory Center entrance. This work is programmed for future years in the Yorktown CIP, but I believe we should pursue opportunities to advance the project since it is a prerequisite to the Riverwalk extension. Sufficient funds are currently available in the Shared Road Construction CIP account to cover the County's requested \$400,000 match. Should this Revenue Sharing project and allocation be approved by VDOT, the funds borrowed from the Shared Road Construction CIP account would be reimbursed with future allocations from the tourism-designated lodging tax revenues.

**Route 199 Landscaping improvements (\$100,000).** This project would provide additional funding for landscaping improvements at the Route 199/Mooretown Road interchange and along East Rochambeau Drive. As a result of Revenue Sharing funding approved last year, \$88,400 is currently available for this project. However, this amount is not sufficient to implement the landscape plan recommended by VDOT for this area. A \$50,000 match is recommended (Source: York County CIP Project FS-8745, Shared Road Construction).

**Route 17 Asphalt Overlay (\$100,000).** This project would assist VDOT in continuing its asphalt overlay program on the remaining concrete sections of Route 17. A \$50,000 County contribution is proposed (Source: York County CIP Project FS-8775, Route 17 Corridor Improvements).

**U.S. Coast Guard Training Center Walkway (\$40,000).** This project would involve construction of a 1,400' concrete walkway along the south side of Hamilton Road (Route 238) from the Coast Guard base gate to the National Park Service Historical Tour Road. This is a project endorsed and recommended by the Coast Guard as a safety measure for their personnel who walk, run, or bike from the base to the NPS tour road system. It is proposed with the understanding that the required matching funds (\$20,000) would be provided by the Coast Guard. Without Coast Guard funding, this project will be dropped.

If the program is over-subscribed (i.e., if requests exceed funding statewide), the state share will be reduced on a pro-rata basis. According to VDOT policy, projects are funded from the top down with as many projects dropped off the bottom as necessary to meet funding limits. As always, the County can reduce the amount at any time before the check for the County's share is sent to VDOT (or before project administration agreements are signed, in the case of projects to be managed by the County).

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**RECOMMENDATION**

I recommend that the Board agree to have Mr. Burgett sign the attached letter indicating the County's intent to participate in the FY2001-2002 VDOT Revenue Sharing Program in the amount of \$520,000 to be matched dollar-for-dollar by the state.

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Attachments

- Designation of Funds
- Proposed letter to James S. Givens

Copy to: Quintin D. Elliott, Resident Engineer, Virginia Department of Transportation

Residency: Williamsburg

**Designation of Funds**  
**FY 2001 - 2002 Revenue Sharing**  
**York County**

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
James O. McReynolds

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March 20, 2001

Mr. James S. Givens  
State Secondary Roads Engineer  
Virginia Department of Transportation  
1401 East Broad Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Mr. Givens:

Subject: Revenue Sharing Program: FY2001-2002

The County of York indicates by this letter its official intent to participate in the "Revenue Sharing Program" for Fiscal Year 2001-2002. The County will provide \$500,000 for this program to be matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis from funds of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The County has worked with our Resident Engineer, Mr. Quintin D. Elliott, to develop the attached prioritized list of eligible work recommended to be undertaken with these funds. The County also understands that the program will be reduced on a pro-rata basis if requests exceed available funds.

Having requested the maximum of \$500,000 in state funds, the County further requests that an additional amount of \$20,000 be made available in the event that any funds remain unallocated after initial allocations are made.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

James S. Burgett, Chairman  
York County Board of Supervisors

Attachment: Priority Listing of Projects

Copy to: Quintin D. Elliott, Resident Engineer